

GERMANS CLAIM THE DEFEAT OF FRENCH NORTH OF ARRAS

AUSTRIANS RUSH NEW TROOPS TO HOLD BACK THE ITALIANS

Fortify Mountain Slopes That Are So Steep Batteries Have to Be Dragged Up.

ROME REPORTS GAINS.

New Attacks by Austrians on Val Grande-Val Piccolo Line.

ROME, June 25.—Austrian commanders in the Tyrol and Carnio Alps have set large forces of men at work strengthening their work a few miles inside the frontier.

Gen. Canali reported to-day that from the mountain peaks Italian observers have sighted the Austrians amply away dragging heavy batteries up the mountain sides. The slopes are so steep in many places that the guns cannot traverse them. The guns are being hauled into position by linking hundreds of men together on heavy cables.

Following is the text of the official report:

"Our reconnaissance extended beyond the front in the Tyrol-Trentino region, in Cadore and Carniola, indicate increased activity on the part of the enemy in the work of reinforcing and placing new batteries. We are frustrating this work by the efficacious fire of our artillery and the bold operations of small detachments."

"In Carniola on the night of June 24-25 the enemy vainly renewed his attacks against our line from Val Grande to Val Piccolo."

"Our operations along the Isonzo are developing methodically in spite of the manifold natural difficulties of the ground and the many artificial obstacles skillfully accumulated for a long period and placed by the enemy. Our infantry, supported by the fire of field and heavy batteries, advances bravely and tenaciously, however."

"An Austrian battery, which for some days has been disturbing our troops by its fire, causing especially serious damage to villages with injuries to their inhabitants, was located to-day and became the object of a well directed fire from our artillery. Immediately afterward a large white flag with a red cross was hoisted from a villa near the location of the battery with the evident purpose of deceiving us and stopping our fire."

IMPORTERS SEE LANSING ABOUT GERMAN GOODS

Some Face Ruin If Products Worth \$50,000,000 and Paid for Are Held Longer.

WASHINGTON, June 25.—The seriousness of the situation American importers face as a result of the European allies' embargo on shipments of goods from Germany was emphatically represented to Secretary Lansing to-day by a New York delegation headed by Leo Kohns of L. Straus & Sons.

A petition for relief which his visitors laid before the Secretary declared the firms which they represented had \$50,000,000 worth of German products, which they actually have paid for, ready to ship from neutral European ports. They cannot get them, however, owing to the danger of seizure by the allies' warships.

No general recommendations were made, but the Secretary was assured that unless some remedy could be found for existing conditions, many importers would suffer complete ruin. In reply Mr. Lansing said that the administration would do all in its power to help the importers. He explained, however, that the Government did not want to engage in anything which might look like bargaining with the allies, inasmuch as to do so would perhaps be interpreted as recognition of their embargo. Such recognition, he stated, is highly important to avoid the American position being that the embargo is an absolute violation of neutral rights. Every effort, however, will be made to end the present situation, he promised.

BISHOPS URGE POPE TO MOVE TO SPAIN

Berlin Hears That the Pontiff Has Been Assured of Safety There.

BERLIN (via wireless to Saville, L. I.), June 25.—Spanish Bishops have written Pope Benedict, advising him to move to Spain as soon as necessary. The Pontiff is assured of safety and independence, according to despatches received here to-day.

DUTCH STEAMER SUNK BY MINE OR TORPEDO

Captain of the Ceres Reports Vessel Went Down in Gulf of Bothnia.

COPENHAGEN, June 25.—The Dutch steamer Ceres was sunk in the Gulf of Bothnia yesterday either by a mine or a torpedo. The crew was landed on the Swedish coast late last night. Capt. Buys believes the steamer was torpedoed. He said he saw a torpedo boat nearly half an hour before an explosion wrecked his vessel.

The Ceres was a 1,740-ton steel screw steamer, owned by the Royal Netherlands Steamship Company and registered from the port of Amsterdam. She was built in 1906 and was 275 feet in length.

GERMANS DEFEND USE OF THEIR GAS BOMBS

Say French Used Gas First—Parallel in Trenches Flooded by Belgians.

BERLIN (via wireless to Saville, L. I.), June 25.—An official statement defending the use of asphyxiating gas bombs by the Germans was issued here to-day.

The Government first makes the point that the French and British armies used gas shells many months before the Germans adopted that method of attack. The statement further declares that the Germans' aim in using gas was simply to drive the enemy from his trenches and that the slow approach of the gas cloud made it possible for the enemy troops to flee.

In this connection it is pointed out that the allies flooded the German trenches in Flanders, driving the Germans out, and the War Office declares that there was no difference between the use of water and a gas cloud.

DEFEATED JAP OFFICERS END LIVES BY HARI-KARI

Rather Than Face Traditional disgrace of Capture at Lemberg, Two Commit Suicide.

TOKIO, June 25.—Major Nakajima and Capt. Hashimoto, Japanese officers fighting with the Russian army at Lemberg, committed hari-kari when the Galician capital fell, rather than suffer what they considered the dishonor of being made prisoners of war, according to official advice received from Petrograd.

Hari-kari is a Japanese method of committing suicide, formerly widely practiced by military officers. In the days of the old Samurai system officers usually killed themselves when it became necessary to surrender the troops under them.

TURKISH GARRISON LEAVES ADRIANOPLE

Bucharest Reports Troops Have Been Withdrawn in Anticipation of Bulgarian Attack.

ROME, June 25.—The Bucharest correspondent of the Messagero wired to-day that the Turkish garrison at Adrianople has been withdrawn, probably in anticipation of a Bulgarian attack, and that the Turkish forces are retreating to new lines northwest of Constantinople.

ROME, June 25.—All Bulgarians in Italy were to-day ordered to hold themselves in readiness to join the colors at a moment's notice.

CONSTANTINOPLE (via wireless to Berlin and London), June 25.—An official statement issued to-day at the Turkish War Office said:

"During the night of the 23d one of our right wing patrols surprised and destroyed an enemy party near Seddi Bahir, putting their machine guns out of action besides capturing rifles, ammunition and other war booty."

STOCKHOLM PAPER ACCUSES BRITAIN OF MISTREATING NEUTRALS.

BERLIN (via wireless to Saville, L. I.), June 25.—The Stockholm newspaper Svenska Dagbladet, copies of which were received here to-day, attacked England's alleged duplicity in pretending to fight for the freedom of the seas, while in reality "disregarding every right of weaker neutrals."

GERMANY URGED BY THE SOCIALISTS TO ASK FOR PEACE

Appeal to the Nation to Make First Move Is Published in Berlin.

"IN NAME OF HUMANITY."

Social Democrats Say Germany Is Unconquerable and Can Afford to End War.

BERLIN (via London), June 25.—The Board of Directors, or Managing Committee, of the Social Democratic party in Germany has caused to be published in the Vorwaerts a full page appeal for peace.

This document calls for a peace under circumstances which will make possible friendships with neighboring nations and it sets forth most clearly the opposition of the party to territorial conquest and annexation. The people want peace, it declares, and the Government is called upon, in the name of humanity, to make known its readiness to enter peace negotiations.

The appeal is published under the heading "Social Democracy and Peace." It begins with a reference to the fact that the Socialists foresaw the coming of the war. They worked vainly for an international understanding, but when war did come they placed themselves at the disposal of the Fatherland. It then refers to the declaration of the party, made in the Reichstag Aug. 4, 1914, which said: "We demand, as soon as safety has been secured and our opponents are inclined to peace, that the war be brought to an end through a peace which will make possible friendships with neighboring nations."

The managing committee of the Social Democratic party always has been opposed to a policy of conquest and annexation. We now raise anew our sharpest protest against every effort and every proclamation the purpose of which is the annexation of foreign territory and the oppression of other nations, efforts and proclamations which have become public in Germany, particularly through the demands of great economic associations as well as through the speeches of leading non-Socialist politicians.

"Even the recital of such efforts serves further to postpone that peace which is warmly desired by the whole nation. The people want peace. If this war which daily demands new sacrifices is not to draw itself out needlessly, to endure until the full exhaustion of all the nations in it, one of the participating powers must offer the hand of peace."

"Germany, who, attacked by greatly superior forces, has thus far victoriously defended herself against all her enemies, brought their starvation plan to naught, and demonstrated that she is unconquerable, should take the first step to bring about peace."

"In the name of humanity and culture, and supported by the favorable military situation brought about by the bravery of our comrades in arms, we demand of the Government that it make known its readiness to enter peace negotiations in order to put an end to this bloody conflict."

ARMY MEN MAY QUIT AFTER EIGHT YEARS

Garrison Can't Hold Those Who Want to Leave After Serving That Long.

WASHINGTON, June 25.—That the Government cannot refuse to accept army, navy or Marine Corps officers' resignations after they have served eight years was the preliminary conclusion reached to-day by War and Justice Department officials.

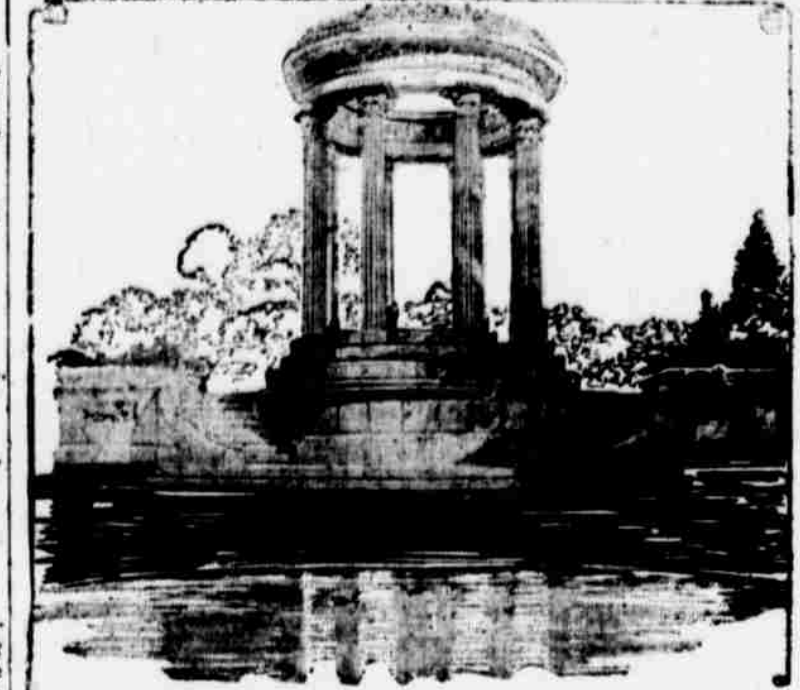
Hitherto resignations have not been numerous enough to be troublesome. The European war has created such a demand, however, among American munition manufacturers for experts in their line that they have been offering enormous salaries, and retirements from the service threatened to become embarrassing.

Secretary Garrison took the view that an officer should have some better reason than a mere desire for higher pay for quitting the service, even in peacetime, if his resignation was inconvenient to the Government. Accordingly, after accepting four ordnance officers' resignations recently, he held up two others and asked the Justice Department for a ruling.

The only law bearing on the subject which the legal experts had found to-day was Section 1201 of the Revised Statutes, as follows:

"Each cadet shall sign articles, with the consent of his parents, or guardian if he be a minor, and if any he have, by which he shall engage to serve eight years unless sooner discharged."

Christian Scientists Erect Memorial At Graveside of Founder of Faith



A memorial column, as a tribute to the founder of Christian Science, Mary Baker Eddy, will soon be erected in Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge, at the founder's grave, it was announced to-day.

A fund of \$110,000 was raised for the memorial, which is to be from the design of Eberton Swartwout of this city, the designer of the George Washington Memorial at Washington.

The plot on which the memorial will be erected is approximately eighty feet square and slopes from a roadway to the banks of a lake ten feet below.

WAR NEWS IN BRIEF

German attacks north of Warsaw are increasing. Petrograd admits a forced retirement from trenches in that region.

The left bank of the River Dniester has been entirely cleared of the Teutonic troops who forced their way across at two points early this week, according to the latest Russian official statements, but the Austro-German forces are making desperate efforts to effect a passage elsewhere.

Bridging operations were begun by the Germans and Austrians south of Bukasowice on the night the remnants of the detachments which had previously crossed in the Kozary District and in the region of Marynow-Stry were being driven back in the former and captured in the latter region, the Russians report. The battle still is raging at the new point of contact.

The Italian armies are continuing their work of keeping clear the ground in front of them in the Tyrol-Trentino and in Cadore and Carniola by artillery fire and isolated infantry operations.

Progress is being made along the Isonzo, according to the Italian statement.

The most recent definite news from the Dardanelles is in the shape of a report by the Turkish War Office that on June 23 a Turkish patrol had destroyed a party of the invading forces and captured arms and other war booty.

The French report comparative inactivity along the western war front. Berlin claims that all ground lost at Souchez has been regained.

KAMMER AND PLATT WIN WAY TO FINALS AT FOX HILLS CLUB

Both Players Score Easy Victories in Invitation Golf Tourney.

(Special to The Evening World.)

FOX HILLS GOLF CLUB, CLIFTON, S. L. N. Y., June 25.—August Kammer, Staten Island champion, and Percy Platt, a graduate of the Van Cortlandt Public Links, won their way to-day to the final round of the Fox Hills invitation golf tournament. Both had easy victories, Platt defeating S. C. Clark, 5 and 4, and Kammer beating Harold Slater, 7 and 5.

Kammer's playing was the feature of both matches. The home club star essayed to perform the difficult feat of both, competing in match and medal play in the annual Fox Hills handicap. To do this Kammer was compelled to play stymies. He encountered one right at the start on the first green, where Slater's ball stood in the line to the cup.

Kammer, trying to avoid the ball, made a kiss shot, which cost him a penalty stroke. This misdeed cost the home titleholder a count of seven holes.

After this Kammer played steady golf. He was out in 41 and home in 35. His card:

Out..... 7 5 3 5 3 6 4 4 4—41
In..... 3 4 3 5 5 4 3 4 4—35—76

Young Percy Platt, who learned his game at Van Cortlandt Park, overwhelmed S. C. Clark.

Platt started off in a heavy rain storm. Despite the wet going he ran up an early lead and was 4 up at the turn.

\$40,000 ROBBERY NOT 'INSIDE' JOB, SAY DETECTIVES

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learned to-day that one of the cases contained jewels worth \$3,000.

Mr. Hackstaff reported his robbery to the East Hampton police, who advised the greatest secrecy. Then a detective agency was called in and a reward of \$500 for the return of these valuables was offered.

Two other East Hampton homes were robbed in the next few nights, again by porch climbers. These robberies also were reported to the East Hampton police, and again secrecy was imposed.

So secretly did the East Hampton police operate that they did not even inform Southampton police, and Deputy Sheriff Clarence Moore of Southampton, always active in such investigations in Suffolk County, was not told.

New York police authorities deny most emphatically that they have any report of the jewel robbery. Such robberies usually are reported directly to headquarters and, if necessary, a secret alarm is communicated to the branch bureaus in Manhattan, Kings, Queens, Bronx and Richmond. No alarm, secret or otherwise, has been sent to the bureau.

Among the prominent New Yorkers who recently acquired summer homes at Southampton are Henry Phipps, who rented Windymere, the home of Mrs. De Lancy Nicoll; J. Steven Ullman, Mrs. Russell H. Headley; Mrs. G. Eric W. McDonald, Stephen C. Clark, Mrs. Jefferson Coddington, George F. Maxwell, Mrs. Herbert A. Schefel and Frederick Y. Ballie.

Some members of the Southampton colony denied having heard of the robbery. They included Newbold Edgar, Mrs. George Dedman, Miss Helen Trevor, Samuel Parrish, Charles Steele, Mrs. Goodhue Livingston, Mr. Phipps, L. E. Terry, the Rev. George Russell and Albert Boardman.

Former Brooklyn Pastor Dead. ROCHESTER, N. Y., June 25.—Rev. William B. Wallace, pastor of the First Baptist Church of this city and until a little over a year ago pastor of a Brooklyn congregation, died this morning at the General Hospital following an operation.

WORLD'S RECORDS GO BY BOARD IN 500-MILE RACE

Resta Makes 160 Miles in 1.16.44, an Average of 99.23 Miles an Hour.

SPEEDWAY PARK, MAYWOOD, Ill., June 25.—With Dario Resta on the rail in his Peugeot, twenty-one of the world's most famous drivers got away to a flying start at 10.31 to-day in the first international 500-mile auto derby.

The cars got away in five lines of four abreast. With Resta in the first line were Wilcox, Anderson and E. Cooper, the famous Stutz team. Limberg, in a Sunbeam, was alone in the rear when Starter Wagner dropped the flag.

Resta had a fifty yard lead on the Stutz team as they rounded the bowl for the first lap.

For four laps Resta, averaging 107 miles an hour, was well out ahead. At the start of the fifth Wilcox crept up on equal terms.

At twenty-two miles Earl Cooper stopped for a tire, the terrific pace having literally melted it off. A minute later Anderson slowed up for a tire. As he passed the stand one of the tires blew out.

Wilcox grabbed the lead when Resta did a lap at a 108-mile-an-hour average and then stopped for repairs. At fifty-eight miles Chandler, in an Oren, dropped with a broken shaft. He hoped to get back within the time limit.

In a stiff brush between Resta and Wilcox that lasted about the seventh mile Wilcox, with a lightning burst of speed, passed the judges' stand a car's length ahead of the Italian. The two cars were averaging over 107 miles an hour.

At this time the general average of the leaders was about 102 miles an hour.

Porporato was leading on the fortieth lap, his time being 4.09.11 for the eighty miles.

Chandler was unable to get a new crankshaft. Oren and was eliminated from the race.

On the forty-fifth lap Howard Wilcox in his Stutz was eliminated by a broken piston.

Earl Cooper, in a Stutz, was ahead at the end of the fifth lap. His average for the distance was 104 miles an hour.

Cooper's average set a new world's record. The time was 1.16.44, an average of 99.23 miles an hour.

At the end of the sixtieth lap Earl Cooper led. Resta was second, Porporato third and Van Raalte fourth.

Resta spurred into the lead during the eighth lap and finished it well ahead. His time was 1.16.45, an average of 99.23 miles an hour.

At 140 miles the leaders: Resta, 2.05.27; Porporato, 2.05.22; E. Cooper, 2.05.27; Henning with Edward Haupt withdrew at 160 miles.

Resta made 160 miles in 1.16.44, a world's record. His speed was 99.23 miles an hour, or approximately ten miles an hour faster than the previous record made by De Palma at Indianapolis. Automobile men here predicted that the race would shatter every competitive speedway record in the world.

Resta led at 200 miles, followed by Cooper, Porporato, Grant, Rickenbacker, Van Raalte, Chevrolet and Anderson in the order given. Resta's average was 97.1 miles per hour for this distance.

It was announced that Resta had broken the world's record for 200 miles and for 320 miles, at an average speed of ninety-eight miles an hour. Exact figures were not given.

At 300 miles the first six drivers were: Resta, Grant, E. Cooper, Porporato, Rickenbacker, Anderson.

"SERIOUS BREACH OF NEUTRALITY LAWS"

Prosecutor Says So After Investigating British Recruiting in San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., June 25.—Harry G. Lane, alleged to have been a recruiting agent here for the allies in the European war, has been arrested here on a Federal warrant and held as a witness in an investigation conducted by John W. Preston, United States District Attorney. Subpoenas were issued to-day for four men said to have been active here. All swore they are British subjects.

GROUND LOST AT SOUCHEZ REGAINED, BERLIN CLAIMS

Last of the French Soldiers Driven Out Last Night, Says War Office.

ALL ATTACKS BEATEN.

French Reported to Have Destroyed Their Own Works by Accident.

BERLIN, June 25.—(via London).—The official communication issued to-day by the German Army Headquarters Staff was as follows:

"Close range fighting which had proceeded uninterruptedly for some days around the portion of our positions which remained in the hands of the enemy north of Souchez, and halfway between Souchez and Neuville, has come to an end."

"During the night the last of the French soldiers were driven out of our trenches. So recently as yesterday evening the enemy received strong reinforcements at this point as they also did on both sides of the Lorette Heights. As they advanced to attack south of Souchez they were beaten off."

"In the Champagne, near Souain, we blew up a portion of an enemy position."

"East of Perthes the French accidentally destroyed by a mine some of their own defensive works."

"On the heights of the Meuse, at Combre, hard fighting is going on. On both sides of Detranche road the enemy brought up troops four deep over a front of three kilometers (1.8 miles) long ready for an attack. They everywhere broke up under our fire. Where the enemy pressed forward into our trenches he was beaten off with heavy losses and driven back in the fray which followed. In an attack made by us afterwards we cranked the enemy advanced position east of Detranche. In this district the enemy still holds a small part of a trench which he captured on June 20."

"Attacks made by advance patrols of the enemy near Lentrete, east of Luneville, failed."

"Since the commencement of the great struggle near Arras our airmen have been struggling with those of the enemy for mastery in the air. This struggle has caused losses on both sides, but ours have not been in vain. For some days we apparently have had the upper hand."

Bishop Johnson of Missouri Weds. NEWTOWN, Conn., June 25.—The Right Rev. Frederick Foote Johnson, Bishop-Coadjutor of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Missouri, was married to Miss Elizabeth Beers of this place to-day in Trinity Episcopal Church. The Rev. James H. George, rector and brother-in-law of the bride, officiating, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Smiffen of South Lee, Mass.

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